



claim:

1. (original) A sewing thread comprising, in combination,

at least one spun yarn ply twisted together with a second yarn in a first direction about each other along a common axis to form a ply twisted composite yarn, where the spun
5 yarn contains 100% staple fibers, has a single twist equal to or greater than 4 more turns per inch than that of the plied twisted composite yarn, and is twisted in the opposite direction of the ply twisted composite yarn.

2. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the

10 each spun yarn has a twist that is equal to or greater than 6 more turns per inch than that of the ply twisted composite yarn.

3. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the second yarn is a spun yarn.

15

4. (original) The sewing thread of claim 3 further characterized in that there are at least two spun yarns plied together.

5. (original) The sewing thread of claim 3 further characterized in that

20 there are at least three spun yarns plied together.

6. (original) The sewing thread of claim 3 further characterized in that

there are at least four spun yarns plied together.

7. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that at least a portion of the staple fiber is a synthetic material.

8. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the staple fiber is composed of one or more synthetic polymers.

9. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the staple fiber is selected from the group consisting of wool, cotton, nylon, polyester, rayon, polyethylene, polypropylene, aramid, meta-aramid and mixtures thereof.

10. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the staple fiber is polyester.

11. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the staple fiber is composed of staple that averages less than about 2 inches in length.

12. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the staple fiber is composed of staple less than about 1.5 denier/filament.

13. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 further characterized in that the ply twisted composite yarn has a twist equal to at no more than 4 turns per inch less than the twist of the individual spun yarns.

14. (original) The sewing thread of claim 1 where the individual spun yarns, prior to being plied, have a tensile strength that is less than the tensile strength of the ply twisted composite yarn.

5 15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

10

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

15 20. (cancelled)